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In re application of:

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Appl. No. 10/675,796

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For: **MAGNETIC TAPE**

Art Unit: 1773

Examiner: Resan, S

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AMENDMENT

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This is in response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on July 13, 2005. Applicants hereby submit the following response. A petition for Extension of Time for one (1) month is included herewith, which extends the due date from August 13, 2005 to September 13, 2005. The one-month extension fee of \$120.00 for a large entity can be charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing Atty. Dkt. No. 05911.0006.CNUS04. It is believed that no additional fees are required. However, if any fees are required to maintain the pendency of the instant Application, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing Atty. Dkt. No. 05911.0006.CNUS04:

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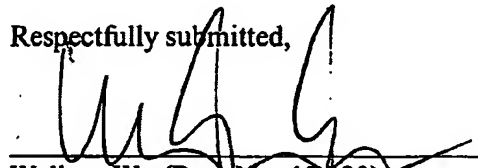
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REMARKS

Claim 8 is pending. Claims 1-7 and 9-10 have been canceled. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection of claim 8 based on 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants submit that one of ordinary skill in the art, in view of the prior art and specification, would be reasonably apprised of the scope of claim 8. For example, the magnetic tape in claim 8 has a thickness of 7 μm or less. Therefore, one of ordinary skill in the art would understand what "thin layer of metal" in the magnetic tape means. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of this rejection. The Examiner's remaining rejections are now moot in view of the amendment.

Respectfully submitted,


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